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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant: Randall W. Nelson

Docket No.: 41821.0236

Serial No.: 09/524,422

Examiner: Gary W. Counts

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Art Unit: 1641

Title: MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to October 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.